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Title: MAGNETIC SEPARATOR FOR LINEAR DISPERSION  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This application is a continuation of copending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/469,662, filed December 22, 1999 (now abandoned), which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/325,936, filed June 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,182,831 B1, issued February 6, 2001. In order to advance the prosecution by way of further response to the final Office Action dated July 18, 2001 (Paper No. 8), in the immediate parent application No. 09/469,662 (now abandoned), please amend this patent application as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 to read as follows:

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